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Massage and Bodywork
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

_____	:	Administrative Action
IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE	:	
APPLICATION OF	:	
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JAPETH S. MORELLI	:	CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND	:	
BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("Board") upon review of Japeth S.
Morelli's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork

therapist. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had indicated "N" for "no" in response to the questions relating to arrests and convictions on the application, he had been arrested three times: on December 14, 2002 he had been arrested for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and weapons; he was admitted into a diversionary program and the charges were dismissed. On April 19, 2009 he was arrested again for marijuana possession and related charges; no complaint was filed, and the charges were dismissed. On March 13, 2011 Mr. Morelli was arrested for assault; the charges were dismissed. Mr. Morelli claimed that he answered "no" to the questions about arrests because all charges against him had been dismissed.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that by failing to disclose his arrests and convictions on the application in response to the questions about arrests he was providing inaccurate information, and that he therefore engaged in misrepresentation on his application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and finding that this order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 23rd DAY OF April, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A \$100.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and demonstration of satisfaction of all requirements for licensure, if he has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: Cynthia Sinicrope-Philibosian
Cynthia Sinicrope-Philibosian
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.

Japeth S. Morelli